

May 31, 1932
Dearest Mums,

How's the globe
trotter? Are
you still a gardener?
Well, Gro. Franklin
D. Roosevelt was
near here last Sat.
and I saw him
give Mrs Lewis
H. Swenson the
National Prize
for her garden.

you know the Kingwood Entrance
where we get off the bus to come
up to school. Well Swensen's
is on the left. This is
the second year Mrs Swensen
has won the prize. You'd
love the place. It's gorgeous.
Now from the sublime to
the ridiculous — Why
don't you write? I
couldn't write you
because I didn't know
where to send it. Did
you get the letter I sent
from Oklahoma City?

I sent one anyway.

I haven't seen a
letter for so long

I almost have

to write me to

myself to see

what it looks

like. Now

Would you write?

Loads of love

Mary
Luncheon

Chris's letter

June 4, 1932

Sailing:

I hit the back trail without any trouble and got to Bryan about 5 o'clock. Jesse and Bobbie were surprised to see me but knew me at once and gave me a grand welcome. I had a fine rest and visit and left about 9:15 in the morning. Went by the doctors before coming out. I'll be here next week, but I shall have to leave for good on Friday and spend the rest of the time in Lufkin. This

will give us a week there.
Time is so short now.

The boy was here as Burnell
had had to go to summer school
and couldn't come after him.
He has been working in the
garden and helping sell gas.
He is going swimming with the
boys this afternoon. Have him
working on his Latin too. Will
get that off in a few days.
Just a little more than a month
now till we are all together
again. Heaps love, and
all there is. your own

Alma

Sat June 4

Kirby Dear - I want

to tell you how glad I was
to get your letter & the Waco
paper - I almost cried for joy
& that fee was simply grand
wish I could talk with you
about the Lott people you met -
I suppose you never went over
there - neither did you stay for
the night banquet in Waco -
maybe Alma can tell me something
a few of the speeches came - but
I just kept them - too late to send -
all well with us - Love from Mother

Tues night

Dearest Mums, (and the Duke)

Well, you're doubtably capering around in B. R. while I sit an do Agents Exams, on what might correspond to a bail. It doesn't feel very good, needless to say. Well how old & spiffy? Don't forget that I'm leasning to drive this summer, I ought to know how by now, does he? I'm Rhemy going to be there this summer, or the rest of the Y. - (I can't spell their name)

Have you heard - Yes - no - Well Dad finds that he can get in N.Y. Sat, night so I get a break and get to see him - Swell - hey what!? I'll write you, or have Dad write you when I leave sea; - the perxact time I'll get to B. M.

Say !!! Prepare to rejoice with me - I'm getting a letter in Basketball. ————— !!
(Howzat?!) Ah me proud lassie

that's fine - (says I)

Say I got a wide pink sash
for the organdie and does it
dress it up. It ties in an
enormous bow on the back. -

Well I have my last
exam - O.D. Gen. - tomorrow
morn. and I might possibly
need to study - By the
way - how did I make out
on his - ?

Trade to say and do when I
see you -

Love

Sunshine.

Daddy dear

If you know where
mother is, forward
this to her, please.

How easy thing
coming - ?

I want me to
stop at Alex Taylor
~~and~~ get him some
moccasins, should I?

I'd like to stay
all Commencement
since it won't mean
much more time.
So I think I'll

take the boat down
Sat. aft. and get to
125th at 6 where
Gene can meet me.
Should I write and
ask him to?

Please write
and answer soon

Love
John & Mary.

Enclosed is
a check for \$100.00
and you have
the books & etc.

June, 7, 1952

Dearest Mom,

Why in heck don't you tell me where you are. It might not occur to you that I might want to write, but I do see in a while. And when you write answer the ques. I ask. Now it's my turn to say you're a good-for-nothing something or other. Where are you, lost, strayed or stolen. Even Dad won't tell me where you are. Is it a secret? ~~Oh~~ Well, I love you just the same.

But really what would you think if Jack and Ken came to see me this summer? There

is just the faintest possibility that they may come. Mom

will have a car this summer so she may run down some day. She could make it from N.Y.C. in two days this way she goes, so it wouldn't take long. Dad says he thought it would be swell.

not the school with a bad -

do you agree. - (I double the motion)

Did I tell you I'm rooming
with Ann next year? We
have the room picked out. It
at the ^{very} end of "State Alley" (the
sub. hall) And right over the
library. I'm going to pity
some people during pencil
hours next year. The two
across the hall ^(D.H. & Clem) are a scream
too. Ann and one ^(Clem) in the room
across are graduating, so
the other ^(D.H.) and I will room
together the year after. Oh
yes! I've years from this
commencement. Ann and I
have decided to meet here
again. How fab.?!!!!!!

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Dear Kirby:- His first come from having
lunch with Devere. The one has fallen
and he publishes with the Nation early
in September. It's a sad story when
you can read between the lines

As far as I know he has told no one
but never I believe he has some
notion of trying the peace news service
idea again but he realizes how
difficult it will be to get money

I really think he would welcome
an opportunity to tell me write
the W.T. Do you think of

any possibilities? He was very
frank with me and related the
whole story of his difficulties with
Vellona and the other members of
the staff

I know you will be greatly concerned
over the affair even though it
is not altogether unexpected where
do you think we could help?

I think the news should be kept
confidential for the present.

affectionately

Mac

June 8, 1932

Dearest Dad,

I got the books today -
Thanks. Ann is tickled pink, she
goes around showing everybody.

Where are you? my schedule ran
out at June 8. Estes Park. Speaking
of addresses, what is ours
for the summer. Blue Ridge
or Black Mountain? And
what box, or do you know.
Some people want my address.

We went on a Biology
breakfast this morning, and stayed
away till second per. classes.

Was it even fun! Not and
I and a boy got lost, or rather
separated coming back. Ernie
knew where he was going, but we
didn't. We stopped at a
pump for a drink and while
umping the thing slipped off.

We started away because we
couldn't fix it and a woman yelled
from the house and asked us if
we didn't want a drink. We

said it would work and started
edging off. After ~~about~~ ^{we had}
gone we heard the men yelling
that it had only slipped off.

The woman was going at a fine
rate for about five minutes.

We could still hear her. We
heard her yell that she had the
shivers. About then we ended

up in back of the Orchard and
came in walking down under the eyes
of Mr. Bequa in first home class.

We had the craziest time
though. We all call each
other "Cole". I don't know
how it started. But anyway
we did. We three were

together because all the rest
were younger. (Ahem!) Not
is the one I (may) marry with
you after next. She the
funniest girl in school even
with Parker here.

Well I must get on with my
dreams. But to write com. How many

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Lake Geneva, June 11

Sweetheart:

It's wonderful to be back here again. Am to have 40 minutes each day before the entire Conference on June 12. Will also be busy with conferences and interviews.

Had a splendid time at Estes Park. Spoke four times during the short time I was there.

Stayed one night with Ben Cherrington and Edith. Their little adopted daughter is as sweet as can be.

Had two meetings in Geneva and one in Boulder.

Do you remember Stewart
Linkletter at Drake? He is pastor
at Boulder.

Suppose you will soon
be starting. I told Loomis
you planned to arrive on
the 20th and to leave key
at Black Mountain post office.

Can HARDLY wait
until we are all together at
Slabsides!

Love!

Kirby



HOTEL MORRISON

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CHICAGO

June 18

Sweetheart of Mine:

The experience at Lake Geneva was most invigorating. The conference was small and intimate - about 150 present. Spoke seven times in French, and made numerous talks before various groups.

Harold Gray led a group throughout and did excellent work. The experience has had a remarkable effect upon him.

Tomorrow I go to a League of Industrial Democracies Conference, and then have a week at Northwestern. Reach N.Y. Saturday night and will see Mary off for Blue Ridge.

on Sunday afternoon, reaching
Black Mountain early Monday
morning, the 27th.

Feeling grand!

Am thinking of you constantly
as you are burning up the
highway!

Love!

Kirby

Heaps!

June 22 -

Kirby Dear -

Alma & I got off all right
last Friday - & I am lonesome
for them - no rain since you
were here - garden stuff about
all dried up - but we have plenty
canned - thanks for that letter
from the Marlin Dr - but I
cannot remember any Buice or
Lott - Mrs Arrington wrote me
was that Mrs Demand that wanted
to kiss you in 1862 - you see that
was her place the Prodmans lived
on mile where you came - love Mother

June 21 - Blue Ridge. N.C.

Dear Jess:

I suppose you are in the midst of getting Sherwood and Maud off for Europe and are up to your neck in work. Do a good job of it and don't let them leave any shirts or P.j.s. or slippers or such hanging out the cases or stacked on a desk.

Have sent by express an old suit case from Lufkin and hope it got there intact. Please tell Kirby not to open it as it is too far gone to use for books and has my good coat in it and is full of moth balls. I want them to

didn't get up until we wanted to this morning. We had no milk and nothing to drink but water. The boy had some eggs and potatoes and bread & butter and I ate oranges and fried new potatoes for breakfast. I am going in after some supplies now.

~~My~~ our box is no 548.
Black Mt. N.C. It is big
as they had so ought to hold
all K.P. gets.

Love

Anna.

stay there too.

I am enclosing a list of things for Mary or Kirby to get at Macy's. From what he wrote I presume Mary is to stay with Betty House a day or two until Kirby gets there Saturday night. Presume I can look for Mary about Monday.

We arrived in the rain yesterday and it was the most dismal looking place and the car wouldn't go up the last hill and skidded all over the road. We toted the junk up and enjoyed our blankets immensely last night and

Sunday June 2nd—

Alma Dear— we finally got
some rain— but not until three
days ago— then it showered around
for two days— we cleared off the
old dead beans— corn stalks &
cantaloupe vines, & planted corn
& peas— tomatoes, collards—
have ripe melons— & tomatoes—
old peas— I was glad you got
there safely— but sorry you could
not land in the right place
suffort Mary is with you now
I am sending you some letters
Kirk let me read— in another envelope
we had quite a little excitement

early yesterday morning - I was in
the kitchen & Mary feeding the
chickens - I heard a plane motor
humming - & all at once the chickens
flew in every direction - M^r -
looked up and a plane was just
over him - he called to me & I ran
out to see a big gray monster
low down over the middle chicken
yard - & we thought it was falling
but I guess it was doing stunts - had
Good Year painted on it - & was of
the Zeppelin type - like the pictures
& was really a sight so low down -
no higher than the house top - went
on south advertising tires -
I meant to write sooner - but it rained &
Mary did not go to church either so I never got
time - Love - Mother -

June 29 - 1932.

Daddy dearest.

Well, Mary got here safe and sound and we have had a high time ever since. They are both learning to drive and they keep me busy going down to the end of the pavement to let them practice backing and turning. K.P. has taken the car down the hill and up the hill and does well. He is frightfully restless and says he doesn't know what he is going to do if he doesn't get some fiction to read. He likes detective stories.

Can you get the June & July numbers of the American Boy? you get it in the WT office. I want you to order me a small book. It should ^{paid} not be more than 50c or a dollar. It is the book of Wild Flowers. I think the author's name is Matthews. It is put out by Putnam's. I went to look for the memorandum and couldn't find it. We are going to have a list of things for you to bring down. Do tell me if any of the evergreen trees or shrubs are still growing at Sunnyside. Oh yes. I have a garden. I am growing you some radishes and me some spinach. The kids are having a grand time playing "memory" with the cards. Swimming doesn't last quite as long this year 3-4 + 5, one hour less than last year.

for which we are truly grateful.

Much more than bushels and
pecks and ounces, will be here when
you get here.

Ever yours own

Alma.

Covito 512

Buenos Aires

July 1, 1932

Dear Kildy,
You new book just
arrived today - many thanks
for sending it. I'm so glad to be
on the mailing list of "those
chosen".

But - I don't read your things
these days. for - they are always
carried off by your ardent
admirer. I wish you would put
her on your list - and send her
some of your books. Not only so
I may hear more back - but

because she would so much
appreciate them.

Señorita Lily Kelly

Calle de las Ciencias ~~952~~ 953.

Buenos Aires

Argentina

You can guess where an Argentine with
a name like that came from! But
she's a remarkable young woman
and doing much for the cause of
peace and disarmament. Largely
through her efforts 192 different
organizations of Buenos Aires
signed the document sent to the
Disarmament Conference.

How go the plans for the new
venture? Has the next drop in the

stock market changed them? Or are
you free from such details. Do hope
it goes well. You are about the most
conceivable person I know to hand out
at such a time. But don't kill
yourself off trying to feed us
weekly food. We need you quite
as much as we need the word
tomorrow!

As the wind blows and the
cold rain comes down and we shiver
on winter skins I wonder how
the summer goes for you. Have you been
to 99 conferences and made 563 speeches.
Now I hope the mountains will treat
you well and give you a good rest
afterwards.

When are you planning to come

this way? If Chile succeeds in her
plans to make herself all one into
a Socialist state. It will have
considerable influence in the
future actions of her neighbors.
She has a head task ahead but
we are all hoping she can succeed.

You may need to come down to
get some first hand information
in your line. You really
shouldn't leave this continent
out of your calculations and
you may of the world.

Anyway I hope you will be
longer in here - for I want to be
kept in the mailing list!
As good wishes to you and all the
family. as ever - Anne.

July 2 - 32

Dear Pop:

Just a note to ask
if you have had the
magazine addresses
changed: and sent the
subscription to The N-Y.
Times from July 10 to Sept
10.[?]

We had to have our
first fire this morning.
A rain yesterday and a
real norther today.

The kiddies are

playing Russian Bank
around the fire but I can't
persuade them to put on shoes.
If you can't read this it is
because they keep knocking
the table.

K-P. says don't forget his
moccasins. (9 A. shoes)

All kinds of love,

Always your own
Alma.

Sunday - July 8th

Kirk Bear - all well with
us - got another rain, & that
makes us glad - probably will
get more & narrower when
people want to fish & picnic

Perry surprised us a few days
ago by coming up for a few
hours visit - had been a bit
more than a year since I had
seen him - he says they are getting
along fine - only had the one
day off so stayed until ten at
night - & would go back on the night
train - only heard from Alva the

one time — when she first
landed at the foot of the hill
think I will soon again
those were fine letters — glad
to read them — forwarded them
on to Alma —

Leah & Norma may come up
to morrow. He is sending the
Moody Bible paper — too —
lots to read — your latest is
fine for teachers & students
I like it fine —
the Negroes have moved out of
the old house — & all is quiet
on the Potomac —
Love, & write me, Mother

July 5. evening.

Darling:

We got your letter today as we did not go to the post office yesterday. Enclosed are the cards properly signed and also a list of books to help you choose in the fiction department. Can you get them for the summer? For the others get some thrilling biographies, some that are easy to read if you want them to read them. You ought to know what kind they will read. Kirby said "Dad needn't think he can make me read his kind of books just because there isn't anything else to read, I won't". I don't know just what it is worth, but evidently he can't be driven. He may eventually be led.

I have ordered the lamp. Last week.
However, I had forgotten about Dr.
Stone. Am writing now.

I got a check cashed here
at the bank. arranged to
cash our own this summer.

Like the book you sent
K is reading 'Tish' now. Mary
has finished it. That is the one
Reinhardt gave her.

Love, and more love,

Then come

Alma

LXXX

July 5 - 1932

Dear Pop:

I guess this is your first day of teaching and suppose you will like it immensely.

I am wondering if you have been around to Macy's as yet to get the canned goods I sent the list of to Jessie.

If you can't get around send or phone it in and have them deliver before you leave the office. I n case you lost that list here is another.

We had intended having you get cashew nuts but found

Are you bringing a cheap ping pong set? And here is the principle thing, are you coming the 10th or 11th. I was under the impression it was the 10th. Many says no, 11th, just which is it.

Are you getting any books to read? Get Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward". Or perhaps you can pick it up in the second hand shop.

Don't try to use the big suitcase I sent from Dupkin as it is too old, but would you look in the India book on top and get Kirby's big pictures ^(school) and put in your luggage? I put them in by mistake.

If we are not at the station when you arrive here, just wait for us. We will be along. Love till then always Alma

a place in Asheville where we can get broken cashew nuts. However, if you are at Sunnyside, look in the kitchen and get a pancake turner and a spatula, (which is a flexible knife that does not have a sharp blade). I here can be put into your suitcase without taking any room up and will save buying, as the things here are depleted. Also please remember to get the cereal spoons and some teaspoons at the office and bring along. You don't need to bring all your underwear as the old suits are here and will do to wear most of the time. bring about 4 pair only.

Houston Texas.
Aug 2 1932

Dear Sis.

I suppose you
think we had forgotten
all about you but we had
not. I did not get to
tell you before you left.
but we sure did appreciate
all what you did for us
while you were here.

The baby is getting along
fine now and walking and
talking good. We just took

her to the Doct^r once a week
now.

We have not had much
of a garden here lately as
it has been so dry. It
seems like we have not had
a drop of rain for ages.

We have not had a good
rain since last March.
It had better start pretty
soon now as it is almost
time to plant a fall
Garden. and I intend to
have a good one.

Our chickens are doing
fine now I think they
will be laying by Xmas.
I got about 15 hens
and 1 good rooster will
be all the laying chickens
I will need.

I suppose you know it
will be impossible for me to
keep my word and pay you
back that money right now
as I intended to but things
cant go on like this forever.
and I will repay it as
soon as possible.

we were down to Mother's
last Sunday. They were
all well but Mother was
pretty tired as Hilke had
been gone for about three
weeks but came back
before we left.

I hope you and your
family are all well and
having a good time.

Love from all

Billie & Iris.

I put up 4 qts Water-melon
preserves yesterday, the
first I ever canned. (Iris)

League City Texas.
Aug 30 1932

Dear Alma —

Sure do thank you
for the things you sent The
blue and white spotted dress fits
just like it was made for me.
Will have to make some
alteration on the other two but am
sure I can make them fit. I
told Johnnie & Susie see that
is what I get for being little -
I dressed up in the spotted one
yesterday and everyone thought
I had a new dress. When ever
you have any more to throw
away just remember I am still
living and what don't fit me
Clara Bell or Annie's kids can

were.

How are you and your little family? I know you are enjoying being together once more. We sure have missed you after being so long. Are you coming back any time soon? When will the boys be coming down?

We all have had the grinds around here for several weeks but think every body is feeling better now Susie gave John and I some of her medicine. Business seemed to have picked up a little since the storm. Hope it will continue to do so.

Dan was down to stay a month at home was suppose to go back last

Sunday morning. I was up to Houston on 21 to see him before he went back.

Well I will have to close this and put on the spinach got it out of the garden some planted while you was here.

Give every one my love
Forever
Loring Hilge.

Thanks again for the things you sent.

120 -
three more
books come.
many thanks

Sept 1st

Dear People - the present
arrived safely - and it sure
is a beauty - I heartily
thank you - sure I can
make it up - but why
send me all the nice things.
why did you not make it up
for a Kirby -

Tell Mary I thank for her nice
letter - I will write her soon
what time will I get her -
I mean on train, or Bies -
I shall I meet him or he
can take a service car - 1800
is the best - & when he crosses
the R.R., turn to the left
& then take the little lane
& right - all well with us -
Love Mother

Southern Arizona School for Boys

"In the Sunshine Climate"

Tucson, Arizona

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BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

September 16, 1932.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

Mrs. Fairgrieve, Beverly and I arrived back at the school on last Friday evening from an extended trip to the east. We were sorry that it was not possible to have seen you again in New York City but, of course, Blue Ridge is much to be preferred over New York City at the time we were in the city.

We are anticipating the most successful school year here that S.A.S. has enjoyed since we opened the school. The physical equipment of the school is in very much better condition for starting and we feel that the personnel, including our faculty, will produce better results than any we have had up to this time. I shall be glad to write to you at a later time in regard to the new masters which we have added to the faculty. We shall look forward to your visit at Christmas time, or, of course, whenever you come, at which time you may meet personally these new men.

If you are able at this time to give us an idea of the manner in which you desire to make the tuition payment for this year, I would be pleased to have a word from you. The regular method of payment would be for the first payment of \$1000 to be made on September 26, the opening day of school, with the balance of \$600 on January 2, 1933. We are planning this year for a deduction of \$200 to be made from this for your assistance in giving patrons information about the school. Kirby's work here will, also, take care of the expenses of his horse. I want you to feel that the method of the payment of this tuition money will be in accordance with your desires. All I should like to determine at this time is approximately ^{the} dates so that we shall be able here to make our plans accordingly. We understand the situation and whatever plans work out for you will be satisfactory here, I assure you.

Mr. Page, p.2.

I would be glad to know what definite plans Kirby has for time of arrival at the school. It is quite likely, also, that your summer with Kirby has made it possible for you to have additional information which might be valuable for us to have here in assisting him to develop those qualities of leadership which you desire for him and, I assure you, we will be happy to hear anything from you along this line, together with any suggestions which you have for him. We are hoping this year to be able to do much more for Kirby than we have heretofore done, because of his age and the time he has already spent in the school.

Please extend to Mrs. Page our very best regards. With best wishes to all of you from Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Fairgrieve and myself.

Very cordially yours,


Russell B. Fairgrieve.

RBF/M.

League City
Sept 19, 1932.

Mrs Kirby Page

Dear Alma

I can just imagine how
you feel today. Lonesome of course after the children
have gone and just you and Kirby there by yourself.
Well Kirby came and went, I was rich all
the time he was here. He went to see
his grandmother. Slim took him out there in
the car they stayed one night and got
back the next evening, and everybody
was getting along just fine. I sure have been
having a time lately had to leave the house
and it is so hard for one to get on any
feet again. Johnnie John and Kirby left yesterday
evening about two or three, said they would
go to Dallas & Fort Worth, we will get Corabelle

to come and help until I get to feeling
better. My cold limits me more than anything,
does not seem to improve very fast. When
I will get all right soon. Do not know if
Huby wrote you before he left here or not.

but anyway he is in the best of health.
one night - he had to sleep in my room
on the little bed and he coughed quite a bit
so he thought - it was the bed in the room
but it was not the best there one night
with just his shorts on and he was all
right one night he slept with John,
and got along just fine said if he could
get him something to do next year he
does not want to leave there any more. He
talked to Mr Hill about it - said when he was
somewhere else he always felt - or had that
he guess it made him cross, are all down
here think that he should stay out there
until he really gets well. I had to laugh

at him the other evening when he was talking
about Arizona I told him some day he could
marry him an Indian girl and I would go out
there and live with him. He could not
help but laugh. Oh yes I want to thank you
for the blanket also the check. Johnnie picked out
the Parachute one for himself the brown one for John and
the budge gets the one with orange for she is the only
one smart enough to get a robe out of it - I think
I will call him the (one) by pricing it with
them for my bed. But believe me Wilfred
was glad to get them for the children
he said they did not have any more for them
that they used mostly water last winter for
them to cover with. Wilfred is sick he had
the mias one day last week. He looks like he
is nearly dead he took a course of my medicine
but says that he is dizzy that is the
way I was taken when. He gave me
that Prescription and I told him if he would

go to the carman that he would help him
but he will put it off until it is too late.
Oh yes Johnnie bought her a new red hat
and put on the red beads with a black
dress black shoes + hose I told John that she
had better not stop in New Mexico if he did
he might loose his wife well I hope that
they will have a good trip for Johnnie
she does deserve it. I tell Hilz that
if we can not keep this change going one
we can close the door for me and not
making anything so we would not be
looking anything I want to try to get the
house painted next week if I can.
that is if I am feeling better and can
attend to it. Guess I had better quit for this time
if you get tired of E.G. just come on down here
and spend the winter with us. Lots of love
to every body Lovingly Mother

Pepper Tree Court
Tucson, Ariz.
Sept 22, 1932.

Dear Kirby and Alma —

We absolutely unintentionally made the trip in three days and a few hours. John was anxious to leave and Kirby was anxious to arrive so between the two of them I had to hurry whether or no.

We had good luck all the way out here. Few detours and very little water. We came by way

of Dallas and Ft Worth to El Paso. A slightly longer road but much better than the other one.

We took Kirby out to the school this morning and I think he will be pretty happy until lessons start.

I think we will stay here and rest a few days and take the journey homeward at a considerably more leisurely pace.

Hope you are well and happy.

Love & luck
John & Johanne

Sunday - Sept 26

Dear People - I have rec'd
two bundles of reading matter lately -
the big one just yesterday, I thank you
I always feel satisfied if there is plenty
to read waiting for me - a slow rain
is falling this morning - we hope for
a good big one - its terribly dry again
no, The Boy never told me much news -
in fact I only got to talk with him at
meal times - you see he was only here one
night - & half a day - he, & Slim staid
out of doors all morning - & it looks
like said Slim was chief entertainer
for the Boy - he staid with him in the tent
the night before they came up, & went to
a show - & he is not my idea for a
companion for Kirby - smokes incessantly -

drinks - eat - you will do well
to keep far away from Houston
in the future - & do not make him
come up here - he says this old
dusty house makes him cough -
& he wanted to sleep out of doors -
only I told him he must not on account
of mosquitoes - I changed up the bed
all fresh, & gave him a clean cotton
pillow. he never coughed but says
fever was ^{the} coming on - he
looks fine. you & I would be tickled
if Anna, & Mary could come
with you would tell me where to ^{find} ~~what~~ ^{this}
find you - will you be in Drury side
we are both sound & well - looks
like we might live indefinitely. love